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1. Two hundred SED functionaries were allegedly arrested in Berlin on 16 and 17 June. Up to 19 June, 16,000 FDJ and 3,000 SED members had cancelled their party membership. The Sport and Technik organization received orders to turn in the arms which had been issued to it. Passive resistance continued in Berlin. Ten large enterprises were forced to resume work. Continuous riots were observed in Pankow and Weissensee on 21 June. The excited population continued its street demonstrations. KVP mutinies are said to have occurred in Wriezener, Freienwalde and Strausberg.¹
2. On 18 June, all Derutra warehouses in Berlin were cleared of German workers. Strikes had taken place there and some of the goods had been distributed to the population.
3. Between 18 and 21 June, KVP from the area north and west of Berlin guarded the sector boundary in the Teltow area. The attitude of the KVP officers and men toward the local residents was rather friendly.
4. During the period of 17 to 20 June 21 IL-10's were observed daily at the southern edge of Doeberitz airfield. Personnel and ten bombs stood beside each aircraft.²

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1. Comment: Numerous withdrawals from the SED have been repeatedly reported. The confiscation of the arms of the Sport and Technik organization is credible. In light of the reported removal of arms emblems from the insignia of the organization and the abandonment of pre-military training for young SED members, it appears that all pre-military training has been sacrificed for the sake of demonstrating the genuineness of the conciliatory Semenov course.

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 2. Comment: In late May, the field had been vacated by the ground attack regiment previously stationed there. It is believed that the planes returned to Doeberitz in connection with the Berlin riots.

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